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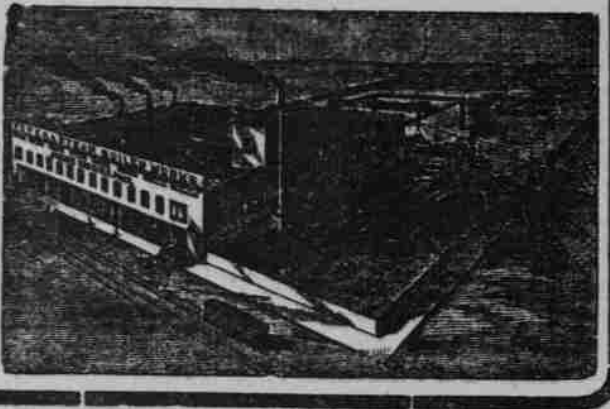
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## SUNDAY BOWSER.

He Differs Somewhat From Weekday Bowser.

On weekday mornings Mrs. Bowser doesn't have to wake Mr. Bowser from his morning nap over three times to get him out of bed, but on Sunday mornings it's different. She has to begin at 5 o'clock to get him roused out three hours later. He gets into such of his clothes as he can find and to come down to breakfast, and he is about to find fault with the coffee, the rolls and all else when he suddenly thinks of a better thing and observes: "Mrs. Bowser, I shall go to church this morning."

Mrs. Bowser turns pale. The bolt strikes home. She knows what his getting ready for church entails. She has been through the program. She makes no reply, however, and at the end of ten minutes Mr. Bowser guesses he won't go after all.

Mrs. Bowser fetches a sigh of relief and says she has a headache and will remain at home with him. The words have hardly been spoken when he says:

"When a man is convalescing at a hospital, and the doctors allow him one or two books to read, he is likely to be somewhat particular in his choice. It is significant that when it was decided last week that Mayor Gaynor of New York was strong enough to read, he had his secretary bring him 'The American People' by A. Maurice Low, 'Franklin's Autobiography' and some short stories about Lincoln."

Miss Ellen Glasgow has returned to this country from Constantinople. She is at present at Warm Sulphur Springs, Bath county, Va. Her new novel, entitled 'The Miller of Old Church,' will be published in a few months by Doubleday, Page & Company.

Mr. Frederick Townsend Martin has just finished and delivered to his publishers the manuscript of his book, 'The Reminiscences of My Life.' Mr. Martin's recollections cover a most interesting period of American history. The book closes with a description of the fancy ball given by his brother, Mr. Bradley Martin, in 1898. Before it is published in book form, it will appear serially.

Mr. Stewart Edward White has returned from the east to his Southern California home near Santa Barbara. His forthcoming book, 'The Rules of the Game,' which has been running serially in the Sunset Magazine, will appear shortly in book form as one of the important fall publications of Doubleday, Page & Company.

That Colonel Roosevelt is not wanting in sentiment is demonstrated by the dedication of his book. It reads: 'To Kermit Roosevelt, my side-partner in our 'Great Adventure.'

The well-loved "Q," who recently became Sir A. T. Quiller-Couch, by the act of the present English king, contributes to the month's list of fiction a novel—'Lady Good-for-Nothing'—which ranks as high if not higher than his well-known 'True Tilda,' 'Poison Island,' and 'Sir John Constantine.' The scene of this delightful romance of the early eighteenth century is laid in this country in the straitened times. The heroine, scourged through the streets for some slight Sabbath-breaking, is rescued by a customs officer, an Englishman of rank. What happens to her after that, her love story, her lonesome in the wilderness, her voyage to Portugal, and her adventures in the great Lisbon earthquake, make a thrilling story, the most vital and deeply interesting piece of work that 'Q' has yet done. There is much of his humor in the book, and of his skill in describing exciting and romantic episodes and quality characters, and at the same time a greater depth of feeling than ever before.



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and then it is time to shout again, and he shouts:

"Mrs. Bowser, have you dropped dead in your tracks down there? If so, please inform me!"

"Well, what is it now?"

"Is my Sunday suit in the ash barrel or did you give it to a tramp? I've looked the whole house over, and it is not to be found. By thunder, but I don't wonder that so many husbands commit cold blooded murder!"

"Your suit is hanging up in your closet, of course."

He opens the closet door and is thunder struck to behold the long lost suit on the hooks. How did it get there? There's something uncanny about the thing. He yanks the garments down and flings them on the bed, and is then ready to call down the stairs:

"Mrs. Bowser, will you ask the girl to please look in the coal bin and hunt me out a collar? If you are going to keep 'em down there after this, say so, and save me the trouble. I am not a patient man, but—"

"Your collar are in the first drawer of your dresser. It's curious how blind some men are!"

"Mrs. Bowser, we will not go to church!"

"Very well."

The collars are there, of course. They have been kept in the same drawer for the last seven years, but Mr. Bowser has always looked for them first under the bed or in the closet. He uses up ten long minutes with the collar and tie, and then thinks it time to stir up Mrs. Bowser with:

"Hello, down there! If you are there, Mrs. Bowser, will you kindly condescend to step this way? If so, you will put me under everlasting obligations."

"Well, what is it?" she asks after toiling up stairs.

"Socks, Mrs. Bowser—socks," he whispers with a wave of his hand. "I've been buying socks all my life. I bought three onions only last week, and it seems as if I ought to have at least one pair around here. But I haven't. I've been up on the roof to hunt. Perhaps you will kindly—"

"See here," she interrupts as she walks over to the dresser and pulls out the bottom drawer—"what do you call this? Your socks have been kept in this same place ever since we lived in this house. Why didn't you look in here?"

"Mrs. Bowser, we will not go to church! We will not stir a foot to go!"

"I am glad of it."

"That is, we will go in spite of all your tricks. I see your fine Italian hand in all these little tricks, but we shall go to church just the same."

"Where did you get that necktie?"

"What's the matter of it?"

"It's one of your old ones I flung into the storeroom. Here are the good ones. And now I suppose you have looked into the furnace and out into the alley for your cuffs?"

"Exactly, Mrs. Bowser. I've hunted for two long hours, but I haven't been able to find what you gave the cook to kindle the fire with."

"Right there under your nose in your cuff box. Ten or twelve pairs."

"I think I see the drift of this thing," said Mr. Bowser, as he shook all the cuffs out of the box. "You and I will have a long talk after returning from church. You may go down, if—"

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you wish."

Mrs. Bowser disappeared, and he suddenly thought of his cuff buttons. To his great surprise they were before his eyes instead of being under the bed. To his further amazement, he donned his coat and vest without the bedstead falling down or the lavatory exploding, but he soon recovered from the shock and walked out into the hall and shouted:

"If there is a living soul down stairs let them answer me!"

Mrs. Bowser came up stairs to ask what was the trouble.

"Might I presume to ask what your object was in sewing up my coat and vest? See how they bunch!"

She advanced, gave the garments a few pulls and jerks and the bunches disappeared.

"And these trousers," he said. "They are forty rods too long."

"That's because your suspenders are dangling around your knees instead of being over your shoulders."

"But this infernal collar is sawing my ears off. When I hear of a husband chopping up his wife with the ax—"

"Pull your shirt down and your collar will be all right. You are all bunches."

"Mrs. Bowser, I am going to look for a handkerchief, but of course it will be labor lost. The cook is doubtless using them for dish cloths."

She pulled out one of the small drawers of the dresser, and the handkerchiefs were there. Then she turned and walked down stairs. Half an hour later Mr. Bowser followed. He had put on the old suit he used when he worked around the house. It was greasy, paint spotted and ragged. As Mrs. Bowser looked at him for an explanation he said:

"No, ma'am, I'm no hypocrite. If a hypocrite belonging to this household wants to go to church and pretend to be interested in religious matters, she can go but as for me, I will not dissemble. This is the worst run house in America, and I have to put up with more than any other husband in America, but I will not play the hypocrite. You can go to church, but I will stay at home and rip and tear and cuss around, and if I get drunk and murder somebody I know that a jury of my peers will say:

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OL. ROOSEVELT'S great personal interest in "African Game Trails," his book on the world-famous African expedition, was shown just before he departed on his western tour, and just after the row with Vice President Sherman and the New York bosses over the temporary chairmanship of the state convention. Questioned about this by reporters when on the point of boarding his train on August 23rd, he waved politics aside with these words: "Now this is totally different. What is of really absorbing interest today is the fact that Scribners have come to me with copies of my African book, which will be out tomorrow. That is of keen personal interest."

Mrs. Humphry Ward in defending her contention that it is better in fiction writing to take historical incidents and give them modern surroundings than to attempt to carry the reader into olden days and olden ideals says: "The form and function of any tale that has ever touched human imagination is undying. And life is always reproducing new substance for the old forms. Mary Stuart, Darnley and Bothwell are darkly repeated in many an ugly police-court story; there are modern Adolphe's tingling of their Ellenores; there are obscure Swifts, at this moment, breaking the hearts of unknown Vannessas; and the world is without its Cordelias, whatever it may call them. The quotation is from Mrs. Ward's introduction to 'The Marriage of William Ashe,' for the new complete edition of her works."

Little, Brown & Co., of Boston, are announcing for fall publication a "Modern Criminal Science Series" of books written by continental authorities and it promises to be one of the important publishing undertakings of the season. It appears that the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology is behind the enterprise, for this organization is of the opinion that America is backward in the intelligent and systematic improvement of the criminal law. It was decided therefore to translate and publish with an American introduction the works of the great minds of Europe thereby furnishing a systematic and sufficient acquaintance with the controlling doctrine and methods regarding the individualization of present treatment and the causes of crime that now hold the stage of thought on the continent. The first book announced for early autumn will be "Criminal Psychology," by Prof. Hans Gross, of Graz, Austria, one of the half-dozen most eminent European students of criminal science, translated by Dr. Horace M. Kallen, lecturer in philosophy at Harvard. The author will apply a special preface for American readers and Joseph Jastrow, professor of psychology in the University of Wisconsin, will furnish an introduction.

Travelers who like to visit the oddity named little streets of old London town so that they may talk of them to their intimates will doubtless be interested in a book soon to be brought out by James Pott & Co. under the title "Nooks and Corners of Old London." It tells of the romance which hovers around old houses, of ancient by-ways that are lost to the witness of a metropolis, of forgotten churches with the reminiscences that cling to their crumbling tombstones, and of the hundreds of other quaint and curious spots hidden in out-of-the-way London corners. In describing their work, Charles and Marie Hemstreet, who have already written several books on old corners of other cities, say: "Of all the old nooks and all the queer corners in all the world, the nooks and corners of old London town are the dearest, the coolest, the grimmest, the most fascinating of all."

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